

Susan Burdette

Candidate for Member-at-Large

Susan is presently a Budget Coordinator in the division of Budget, for the Department of Finance & Administration. She is a graduate of the TGMI Class of 2008-I.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Susan enjoys yoga and zumba classes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Susan is a former Nashville Area Junior Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors member; whose community activities included Special Olympics Track Events, Joy of Giving to take underprivileged kids shopping for their families' Christmas presents from them, the Clinic Bowl benefitting Stallworth Rehabilitation Clinic at Vanderbilt, and Habitat for Humanity.

MOST MEMORABLE TGMI EXPERIENCE: "The black hawk helicopter ride of course!"

REASON FOR WANTING TO BE MEMBER-AT-LARGE:

"I would like to help provide and see more participation in continued leadership training opportunities, whether that is through the annual fall conferences, lunch and learns, and/or a new opportunity. I believe learning is a life-long experience and we should participate in available opportunities to continue our professional education and development, and to look for new opportunities if they are needed / are possible.

I would also like to see increased participation in the social and community events. They are great ways to add to the established relationships you have with your fellow Classmates and also to begin new relationships with Alumni from other Classes. We need to keep the fire/warm fuzzies going from the two weeks of our TGMI experience by continuing to invest time with our TGMI community upon our return to the office. I also believe that you should leave the world a little better place and giving back to your community is one way to do that. Wouldn't it be great if people outside of State government knew who TGMI was because of our community presence? What if we had so

many volunteers for packing backpacks for Second Harvest that they had to give us our own volunteer night?

As a member of the Steering Committee, I would begin by surveying TGMI Alumni to see what the Steering Committee can do for you: What opportunities and activities do you want to continue your TGMI experience? What can the Steering Committee provide for your professional and personal interests that could enhance your career development? As stated above, I would like to increase the participation in leadership training opportunities and impact of the TGMI Alumni activities, and would like the opportunity to serve on the Steering Committee to do so.”